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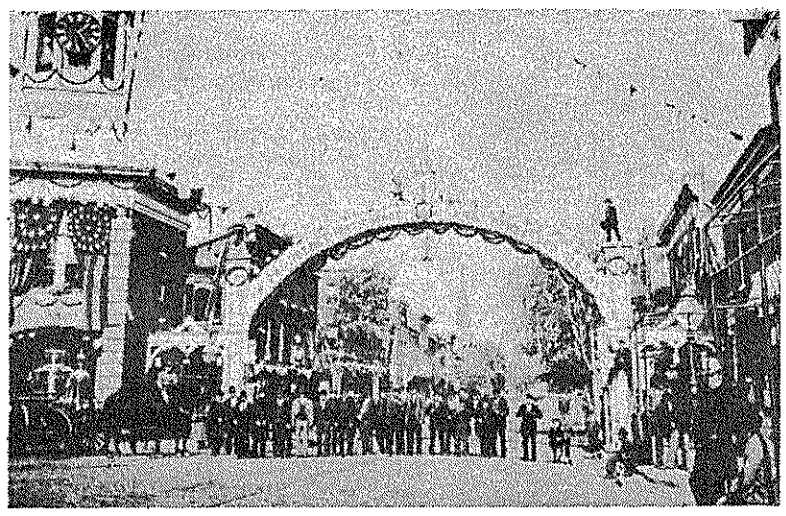

Druid Hill Avenue and Eutaw Street during the Sesqui-Centennial 1880. Photo from *Baltimore Two Hundreth Anniversary.*

On August 8, 1979, nearly 500 people came to the Shot Tower Park to participate in opening ceremonies commemorating Baltimore City's 250th anniversary.

Despite a temperature in the high 90's, the crowd enjoyed the many colonial and crafts displays and exhibitions, listened to speeches and invocations, and watched the Colonial Musketry & Drill by the United States Army Old Guard.

The most moving event, however, was when William Schustik, a local musician, gave new meaning to the venerable "Star-Spangled Banner." First, he narrated the history of the National Anthem that was composed in Baltimore, strumming his guitar for accompaniment. He then sang the song to his spell-bound audience. One person remarked, "I haven't felt such a surge of patriotism since I was in elementary school."

Mayor Schaefer's pride in the city and in the song was evident as he appeared to hum along, his eyes glistening.

Every weekend through September 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors may take a self-guided tour of Jonestown at no charge, and visit 9 Front Street, the Shot Tower, the Carroll Mansion and the Flag House (a small donation is requested here).

During this time, guides and craftspeople will be wearing clothes patterned after those worn in Baltimore 250 years ago. The clothes were constructed by volunteers from the Waxter Center, Urban Services, Department of Recreation and Parks and various community Mayor's Stations. Research on the costumes' authenticity was done by Judith Coram of the Maryland Historical Society.

Rent Control: An Analysis

by Alice Cherbonnier

Many city neighborhood associations are backing rent control as a way for tenants—especially those on low and fixed incomes—to deal with double-digit inflation.

Ed Taylor, president of the Baltimore City Tenants Association, notes that "we're not progressing as well as expected" in gathering signatures on a petition that would bring the question of rent control to a public referendum in the November election. The Association needs 20,000 signatures on the petition by August 20. "We need more volunteers," says Taylor.

Taylor acknowledges that any form of rent control would be difficult for landlords. "The real problems are the oil companies and the finance companies. But oil is the number one problem...If there were a better way to deal with tenants' problems [than rent control], we'd do it."

The goals of the rent control referendum would be to set a ceiling on first-year increases of rents, with a commission of landlords and tenants instituted to deal with control issues thereafter.

The movement toward rent control was begun by a coalition of local neighborhood groups who became concerned over the plight of tenants in a low-vacancy (2%) housing market. Tenants were seen as having little recourse but to pay spiraling rent increases, as they had nowhere to go.

A further problem is that, according to a coordinator of the rent control campaign, there are over 70,000 housing units in the city that do not meet official safety requirements. These units would not be eligible for any rent increases, under the provisions of the proposed rent control, until the problems are rectified.

A survey by the Department of Housing and Community Devel

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House Report of Kennedy Assassination Inadequate:

Parkland Doctors' Testimony Shows Autopsy Photos Forged

by Harrison E. Livingstone
Dallas, July 30, 1979

As this paper first reported in June (verified and carried by *The Baltimore Sun* on July 9), the autopsy photographs of the body of President John F. Kennedy are forgeries, altered with a visible matte insertion.

This reporter has since conducted a numer of interviews with the doctors at Parkland Hospital in Dallas who treated the President in his final moments.

Without exception, the doctors—when shown the altered autopsy photo—declared it fake, and described wounds entirely different from those alleged by the Warren Commission.

The Parkland doctors repeated their previous testimony (made before journalists, the Warren Commission and the recent Assassination Committee) that the *back* of Kennedy's head was blown away, leaving "a large, gaping wound," said Dr. Adolph H. Giesecke, Jr. Dr. Giesecke stated that the doctors at Parkland had raised the head from the table and shined a light through the hole. "Much of the back of the brain was missing," he said.

On viewing the faked autopsy photo of the back of President Kennedy's head, Dr. Jackie Hunt said, "I can do a lot of funny things in my darkroom, too." She described a large hole in the *back* of the head, with the occipital parietal bone blown away.

"Why do they cover it up?" Dr. Fouad Bashour repeated several times. Dr. Bashour, a cardiologist, worked to keep the President's heart beating. He repeatedly demonstrated with his hand that the back of the President's head was

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B.U.S.T. TURNS DOWN CITY FUNDS

Business United to Stop Trouble (B.U.S.T.), a group of businessmen that now includes over 300 members, is seeking $50,000 in private contributions to help finance its anti-crime projects.

The group, chaired by Herman Katkow, could have made the fund-raising easier if they had accepted the $50,000 in municipal funds that was offered to them by the city's Board of Estimates. B.U.S.T. refused the proffered public money, says Katkow, "in order to maintain our autonomy. We felt that accepting the money would dilute our independence."

B.U.S.T. currently is funded through members' dues and private donations. Only the group's coordinator, Dr. Simon Fuchs, is paid by the city. Dues are $10 per year per location for businesses with five or fewer employees, and $25 for each location for concerns with six to ten employees. The fee escalates to $50 per location for businesses with over 10 employees.

According to Katkow, the primary aim of B.U.S.T. is to effect "crime prevention through education. We're not trying to duplicate efforts [of any other agencies]. We are focusing on the junior high school population, on crime prevention through education."

Katkow sees the typical public attitude toward crime as 'I pay my taxes and that's the full extent of my responsibility.' He believes the public must take active, positive efforts to prevent and solve crimes.

B.U.S.T. sponsors a Citizen in Action Award, which goes to those who help in the resolution of crime. "Not everybody can be a hero," says Katkow. "But crime is everybody's business." He estimates that there are 43 people now incarcerated whose convictions were brought about by reports to B.U.S.T.

Businessmen are visiting junior high schools in order to present "a positive image of the business community...We talk about the economic system in terms the students understand, conduct mock job interviews and arrange visits to businesses."

Another program conducted by B.U.S.T. is "Project Turnaround," which involves "shock therapy" for hard-core juvenile offenders. The state Department of Juvenile Services refers already convicted juveniles (ages 13, 14 and 15) to B.U.S.T., which arranges for them

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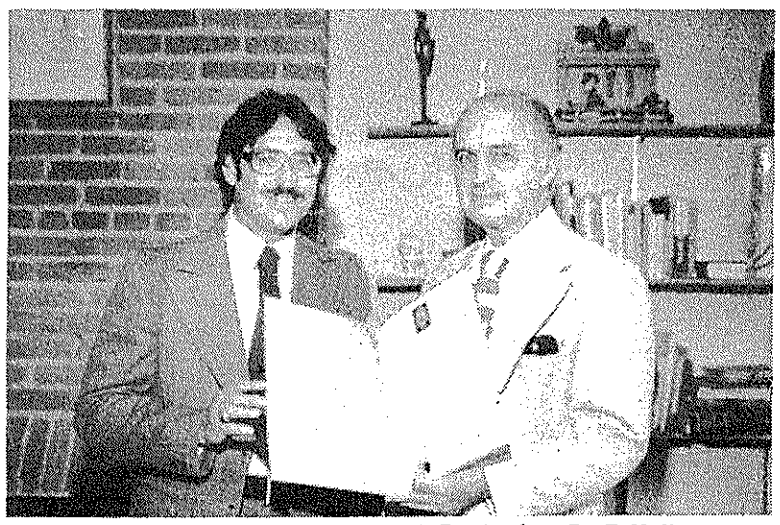

City says gracias: Craig Paul receives Mayor's Citation from Dr. DeHoff.

Craig Paul Receives Mayor's Citation

University of Maryland School of Medicine senior Craig Paul was recently presented the City of Baltimore Mayor's Citation by Commissioner of Health Dr. John DeHoff for his services to Baltimore's Spanish-speaking community.

Mr. Paul, who speaks fluent Spanish, has worked weekends and summers for two years with the City Health Department in the city's Spanish neighborhoods. His services have included taking medical histories, giving physical examinations and referring those in need of medical treatment to health care facilities.

To make certain no one is denied medical treatment because of language problems, Mr. Paul has established model programs at several city hospitals to educate personnel dealing with Spanish-speaking patients. As a result of his efforts, interpreters are now available to assist Spanish patients with communication and paperwork.

Local Writer To Be Featured In National Magazine, *Sky*

Sky magazine, the in-flight publication of Delta Airlines, will be publishing an article about Baltimore's renaissance that has been written by Jake Slagle, Jr., a *Baltimore Chronicle* regular contributor.

According to *Sky* editor Donna Dupuy, the article will appear "probably in the October issue."

Sky has a circulation of 250,000 and an estimated readership of 3,000,000.

Mr. Slagle, 34, writes for a number of Baltimore publications in addition to *The Chronicle*. He also is involved with the management of his family's home maintenance business, Slagle & Slagle. He and his wife Sherry and their two young sons live in an old restored farmhouse in Cockeysville.

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KENNEDY HAS OTHER ANOTHER WOUND

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blown away.

This doctor looked at the drawing taken from the autopsy photo, shown on page 104 of Volume VII of the medical evidence, and said, "This is not the way it was." He pointed to a flap of skull on the side of the head in the picture and asked, "What's this?", adding, "No. Why do they cover it up?"

None of the doctors recognized the "entry wound" on the back of the head in the picture. Dr. Marion Jenkins repeatedly poked at the occipital protuberance and said, "This is where the wound was."

Dr. Robert Shaw said, "If the body hadn't been stolen away from us, and had Dr. Rose performed a proper autopsy, there would be no question these 15 years."

Dr. Charles Baxter said that, without question, the back of the President's head was blown away. "It was a large, gaping wound in the occipital area," he said, "a tangential wound."

Dr. Baxter also stated that the wound in the throat, which was never discovered by the autopsy doctors, was "no more than a pinpoint. It was made by a small caliber weapon. And it was an entry wound."

Dr. Donald Seldin did not want to talk to anyone. "I just can't remember, I just can't help you," he said. "It's been so long. What is it now? Fifteen years?"

Dr. Robert McClelland, a neurosurgeon, confirmed also that the right posterior portion of the skull had been blown away, and states that the drawing on page 140 of *Six Seconds In Dallas* by Josaiah Thompson was an accurate representation of the rear head wound.

Dr. Paul C. Peters, who was not present at the time of the interview, returned the two differing illustrations of the back of the President's head—the one offered as evidence in the Committee, and the other in Thompson's book—and stated, "I have marked an 'X' on the picture which more accurately depicts the wound, although neither is quite accurate in my opinion. There was a large hole in the back of the head through which one could see the brain." Dr. Peters' X was on the Thompson drawing.

Dr. Giesecke expressed disturbance that the President's body was so quickly removed from Texas and that a proper autopsy was not conducted by the military. (The many faults of this autopsy are outlined in Vol. VII of the Appendix to *The Report of the Assassination Committee*, page 193.)

General Philip Wehle, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Military District, Washington, D.C., was present in the autopsy room at Bethesda Naval Hospital when Kennedy's body was examined, and "ordered us not to perform certain procedures," said Dr. Pierre Finke.

The wound through the back was therefore never probed to see if it connected to the throat wound. Had this been done, there would be proof as to whether the President was struck from behind in the back, or from in front in the throat, or if a single bullet passed through the President from behind and struck Governor Connally.

Additional gunshot wounds found at that time would have proved a conspiracy then. It is only now that the Assassination Committee is admitting to an extra gunshot from the grassy knoll, which therefore admits to an additional gunman, and a conspiracy.

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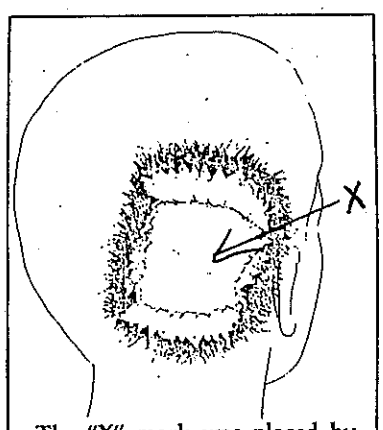
Lt. William Pitzer, who was supposed to have taken the autopsy photos of the President, was—according to a story in *The Waukegan News-Sun* on May 1, 1975) murdered. He was shot with a .45 caliber pistol and found with the gun in his right hand, though he was left-handed. Pitzer's death was ruled a suicide. Pitzer has evidently become a non-person in the case; his name does not appear on the list of those present at the autopsy that was published by the Committee on page 8 of volume VII.

An examination of the two drawings that accompany this article will reveal the wide discrepancy between what the Committee accepted as evidence and what many reliable medical witnesses have attested to.



The "X" mark was placed by Dr. Paul C. Peters, an eyewitness at Parkland Hospital in Dallas at the time of the Kennedy assassination, to indicate the appearance of the back of the President's head. Dr. Peters did not select the photo used by the latest Assassination Committee, nor did any of his colleagues.

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